

and that 10 minutes be under the control of Senator Sullivan, prior to the votes in the series. **Page S4360**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. **Page S4360**

**Hardy Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4339**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S4339**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4339**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew Moury, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2021.

Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Andre Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Brian D. McFeeters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Sutapa Ghosh Stricklett, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

53 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S4360–62**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which was sent to the Senate on April 6, 2020, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4362**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S4345**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4340–45**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4356–59**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S4359**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—134) **Pages S4321, S5430**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4360.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States government efforts to address ocean plastic pollution internationally, after receiving testimony from Senators Sullivan and Whitehouse; Jonathan Moore, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and Michelle Bekkering, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment, United States Agency for International Development.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

**COVID-19 SCAMS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans from COVID-19 scams, after receiving testimony from Andrew Smith, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General, Topeka; Stu Sjouwerman, KnowBe4, Inc., Clearwater, Florida; and Laura MacCleery, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael N. Nemelka, of Utah, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador, and Christian N. Weiler, of Louisiana, and Alina I. Marshall, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax

Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Legal Adviser, who was introduced by Senators Roberts and Moran, and Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemisphere Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**COVID-19, SENIORS, AND RACIAL HEALTH DISPARITIES**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the COVID-19 pandemic and seniors, focusing on racial health disparities, after receiving testimony from Dominic H. Mack, Morehouse School of Medicine National Center for Primary Care, Atlanta, Georgia; Mercedes R. Carnethon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; Eugene A. Woods, Atrium Health, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Rodney B. Jones, Sr., East Liberty Family Health Care Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 Public bills, H.R. 7694–7717; and 3 resolutions, H.Res. 1057–1059, were introduced. **Pages H3610–11**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3612**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3591**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H3595**

**Oath of Office—Twenty Seventh Congressional District of New York:** Representative-elect Chris Jacobs presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Tom Valentine, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating

that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 23, 2020, the Honorable Chris Jacobs was elected Representative to Congress for the Twenty Seventh Congressional District, State of New York. **Page H3595**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlemen from New York, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H3596**

**William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021:** The House passed H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 152. Consideration began yesterday, July 20th. **Pages H3598–H3607**